GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF TIGERS IN ZOOS AND RESERVED FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has summoned the Central Zoo Authority Chief to explain personally the steps taken for conserving tiger population in Zoos and reserved forests in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the directions issued in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to implement them?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b)&(c) Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on the directions ofHon`ble Supreme Court, appeared before the Court on 20th November, 2000. After hearing the submission on behalf of the Central Zoo Authority, Hon`ble Court directed that, no State Government or Union Territory shall set up a new zoo without getting clearance from the Central Zoo Authority and orders of the Court, the security arrangements for the animals should be beefed up without any further delay and the States and Union Territories should respond to the suggestions made in the affidavit of the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authorityabout the measures needed for the improvement in the management of zoos.